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THEFT CASES IN DEFENCE PRODUCTION INSTALLATIONS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the dates on which incidents of thefts took place in Defence Production Installations situated at Jabalpur during the last three years along with the losses suffered thereby;

(b) whether any proof of involvement of officials or a foreign conspiracy in these cases has been found during the course of investigation; and

(c) if so, the special steps being taken for the safety of Defence Production installations as the presence of big mafias and the people associated with Al-Quida is being suspected in Madhya Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) There were no incidents of theft in the defence production installations at Jabalpur during the last three years. However, incidents of minor thefts took place outside the factory installations but within the estates of Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur and Ordnance Factory, Khamaria.

Four incidents of theft took place in the estate of Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur on 9.6.2000, 22-3-2001, 31-5-2001 and 26.6.2001 involving loss of Rs. 8,677/-, Rs. 3880/-, Rs. 21,904/- and Rs. 786/- respectively. Six incidents of thefts took place in the estate of Ordnance Factory, Khamaria on 20-10-1999, 7-8-2000, 18-10-2000, 20-11-2000, 29-1-2001 and 8-7-2002 involving loss of Rs. 700/- , Rs. 11,911/-, Rs.27,000/-, Rs.26,395/-, Rs.13,332/- and Rs.1,744/- respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of the threat perception, Ordnance Factories have been directed to carry out a review of the existing security set up and take the following steps:-

(i) Increase the frequency of patrolling inside and outside the factories and the estate area
(ii) To do a thorough and 100 % check of casual labour and visitors
(iii) To constitute security/vigilance committee for each factory and set up a control room with proper communication and coordination with local police and civil administration
(iv) To carry out mock drills and rehearsals for disaster management and internal security schemes
(v) Organise security meetings with trade unions and involve the workers and their families living in the estate in the task of ensuring safety and security.